



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Opens Disaster Offices to Help Victims of Strong Winter Storms in Arizona, Nevada & Utah

Sacramento, CA – Hector V. Barreto, Administrator of the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA), today declared Mohave, Coconino, La Paz, and Yavapai Counties in Arizona, Clark and Lincoln Counties in Nevada, and Kane and Washington Counties in Utah a disaster area due to damage caused by the strong winter storms that occurred December 28, 2004 to January 12, 2005. SBA's disaster declaration makes low-interest Federal disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the storms.

According to Alfred E. Judd, SBA Disaster Area Director, SBA loan officers will be on hand at the following locations to issues loan applications, answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their application. The offices will be open on the following days and times:

Beaver Dam Littlefield Fire Dept. I-15 Exit # 9 (North of Hwy 91 Bridge) Beaver Dam, AZ	Five-County Assoc. of Govt. (Bldg.) 1070 West 1600 South Street, Bldg. B (across from Tonaquint Park) St. George, UT	Mesquite City Hall 10 E. Mesquite Blvd., Buffalo Conf. Rm. (next to City Clerk's Office) Mesquite, NV
Wednesdays 9:00 am – 6:00 pm & Saturdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Opens: Saturday, March 5 th Closes: Saturday, April 2 nd	Mondays & Thursdays 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Opens: Monday, March 7 th Closes: Thursday, March 31 st	Tuesdays & Fridays 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Opens: Tuesday, March 8 th Closes: Friday, April 1 st

According to Judd, disaster loans of up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

“Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. Additionally, Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$1.5 million are available to small businesses,” Judd said.

SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

Individuals and businesses unable to visit SBA's disaster offices may obtain information and a loan application by writing to SBA at P.O. Box 419004, Sacramento, CA 95841-9004, or by calling toll-free (800) 488-5323. Hearing impaired individuals may call (916) 735-1683.

Applications for property damage must be returned to SBA by **May 2, 2005**. Applications for economic injury must be returned by **December 2, 2005**.

For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster.

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SBA Disaster Assistance Office - Area 4 — P.O. Box 419004 — Sacramento, CA 95841